

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF THE DINNER MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon
May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absence</u>
	Remy Drabkin	Kellie Menke
	Scott Hill	Alan Ruden
		Kevin Jeffries
		Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Martha Meeker, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce President Nathan Knottingham, and a member of the news media, Don Iler of the *News Register*.

DINNER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the Dinner Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. He advised that Councilors Jeffries and Yoder had been excused from the evening's meetings.

BRIEF AGENDA OVERVIEW: Mayor Olson gave a brief overview of the agenda for the Council's Regular Meeting and noted that Elise Hui from the Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC) would give a presentation on County-wide efforts on homelessness.

LEMONADE DAY: McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce President Nathan Knottingham briefed the Mayor and Council on the activities surrounding the recent Lemonade Day. He reported that there had been 200 children involved with 50 lemonade stands and over \$3,000 of lemonade had been sold. The kids had been able to pay back all of their investors with funds to spare. There was lots of community support for the event and he noted that the Chamber has plans to make Lemonade Day an annual event.

MCMINNVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL: Mr. Knottingham also reported on the upcoming Chamber-sponsored 4th of July Fireworks event at the Evergreen complex. He stated that Evergreen is graciously allowing all folks who live within the 97128 zip code to enter the museums free before 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m., the event is free to all. The event's focus is on bringing the community together.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the Dinner Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused Absence</u>
	Remy Drabkin	Kellie Menke
	Scott Hill	Alan Ruden
		Kevin Jeffries
		Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Martha Meeker, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Community Development Director Mike Bisset, Housing Authority of Yamhill County Executive Director Elise Hui, and members of the news media, Don Iler of the *News Register* and Dave Adams of KLYC Radio.

AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilor Ruden led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Olson asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the evening's agenda. No one came forward.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Councilor Hill MOVED to approve the minutes of the March 24, and April 14, 2015 Dinner and Regular meetings as submitted; SECONDED by Councilor Menke. Motion PASSED unanimously.

1 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK: Mayor Olson called Community Development Director Bisset to the dais. Mayor Olson read the National Public Works Week proclamation into the record. He noted that McMinnville Water and Light, in conjunction with the City of McMinnville, is hosting a barbecue at the Water and Light facilities on May 20th. Mr. Bisset thanked Mayor Olson for the recognition of the Public Works and McMinnville Water and Light employees and added that there will be a "Touch a Truck" event at two of McMinnville's elementary schools. He pointed out that this is an event that both the elementary school students and the public works crews enjoy.

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NEW BUSINESS

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REPORT FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY OF YAMHILL COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELISE HUI REGARDING COUNTY-WIDE EFFORTS ON HOMELESSNESS: Mayor Olson welcomed Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC) Executive Director Elise Hui. Ms. Hui thanked Mayor Olson and the Council for the opportunity to present information to them regarding the homelessness problems in Yamhill County. She stated that she and her daughter, Jocelyn, would provide the presentation.

Ms. Hui stated that her daughter had been volunteering with her for about five years and has done a great deal of research on the homeless. She wrote a persuasive essay that received a first-place award. Jocelyn read her essay to the audience. Mayor Olson and each of the Council members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Hui for reading her excellent and informative essay.

HAYC Executive Director Hui spoke about the homelessness issue to the Council and with the aid of her PowerPoint slide show she expressed the need for a community-wide commitment to assist the homeless with housing. She advised that in McMinnville, 45 percent of the homeless are children.

Ms. Hui talked about Section 8 housing and that HAYC had closed application to Section 8 housing for three and one-half years until all those on the waiting list had been accommodated. They opened the list again at the end of August 2014 and by the end of March 2015, the list had once again grown to over 1,328 families. Families qualify for Section 8 housing if they pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing and utilities. She pointed out that in the United States, a family with one full-time worker earning minimum wage cannot afford the local fair market rent for housing. Between 2009 and 2013, 14.6 percent of Yamhill County residents and 20.2 percent of McMinnville residents were below the poverty level.

Ms. Hui spoke about some of the solutions that local agencies are working to provide and about affordable housing options, including Opportunity Village in Eugene. She explained that Opportunity Village is a community of 30 tiny homes that are simple, modular units of approximately 60 square feet each. The village incorporates shared communal kitchens, bathrooms, and showers. Other low-income housing in Oregon includes Emerald Village in Eugene and Conestoga Huts in Lane County.

Ms. Hui advised that HAYC's long-term goals include building a stronger community with more productive, self-sufficient, and contributing members. She noted that the top pieces of the puzzle include fiscal responsibility, community safety, humanitarian values, and compassion.

Following Ms. Hui's presentation, there was a discussion surrounding possible options for those in McMinnville who are experiencing homelessness. Mayor Olson and each of the City Councilors thanked Ms. Hui and her daughter for their excellent, informative presentations.

2 b LETTER APPROVING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUBLEASE OF OFFICE SPACE: Mayor Olson stated that the City owns the house in which the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce is located. The Chamber would like to be able to sub-lease areas of the building. Because the building is City-owned, the City has a special interest in any subleases that occur. By consensus, the Council authorized Mayor Olson to sign the letter approving the Chamber's ability to sublease the space.

3 RESOLUTION

3 a AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE OREGON WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (ORWARN): Community Development Director Bisset referenced his brief memorandum located in the Council's information packet and advised that the resolution was an important housekeeping matter and was consistent with the theme of Public Works Week. He explained that the response network is a mutual aid network of 105 agencies that have agreed to support one another in emergency or natural disaster situations.

Councilor Menke MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2015-21 authorizing the City to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN); SECONDED by Councilor Ruden. Motion PASSED unanimously.

4 ADVICE / INFORMATION ITEMS

4 a and b COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Each Councilor and Department Head present gave a brief report.

5 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary